Amount due from Private Airline Operators

99. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount due till date from the existing private airline operators to the AAI (Airports Authority of India)/Department of Civil Aviation;

(b) what is the total amount outstanding against those private airlines which have stopped their operations completely, year-wise till date for the last three years; and

(c) in what manner AAI propose to recover outstanding amount from above defaulting companies both existing and from those who have stopped their operation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The total amount due from the existing private airlines operators to the Airports Authority of India is Rs. 996.59 lakhs till date.

(b) The total amount outstanding against the private airlines which have stopped their operations completely is Rs. 1732.13 lakhs for 1996-97; Rs. 1781.44 lakhs for 1997-98 and Rs. 2111.26 lakhs for 1998-99 upto 31.10.99.

(c) AAI has initiated action under the Public Premises Eviction Act, 1971 and also initiated legal proceeding in Law Court for recovery of such dues.

Steps to curtail losses of Air India

100. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any effective steps to check the operating losses of Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided any wage cut or VRS for Air India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?